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1. ON 2 DEC COS TOOK AMBASSADOR HAIN TO PRIVATE UNOFFICIAL MEETING WITH LITENSOR.⁰¹
MEETING LASTED ABOUT ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS WITH ONLY AIB HAIN, LITENSOR⁰¹ AND COS
PRESENT. FOLLOWED ARE TOPICS DISCUSSED, BRIEF STATEMENT ON EACH:

- A. VISIT OF CPIDEAL TO MEXICO. AIB HAD TELEPHONE CALL FROM CPIDEAL PERSONALLY
TALKING MENTION OF 2 DEC TRAVELING CPIDEAL WOULD CONSIDER VISIT TO MEXICO BECAUSE
DID NOT WISH BE ABSENT TOO MUCH FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. CPIDEAL WOULD BE WOULD
LEFT MEXICO WITH HAIN WOULD BE AWAY JAN AND FEB AND COULD BE RE-COVERING IN
JAN. (NOTE: ON 1 DEC AIB HAD AT STATE DEPT INSTRUCTIONS SENT WORD TO LITENSOR⁰¹
THAT CPIDEAL WOULD LIKE VISIT MEXICO ON 15 JAN.) IN TALK ON 2 DEC LITENSOR⁰¹
INFORMED ON JANUARY VISIT SAID HAIN "HAD PROBLEM" BECAUSE OF WEATHER (DARK IN
MEX). AIB BELIEVES REAL REASON WHY LITENSOR^{01 08} DESIRES VISIT AT EARLIEST
POSSIBLE DATE AIB: HIGH MEXICAN DEBT, BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEM AND
OTHER ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. NOTE: AS OF 4 DEC AIB HAD SENT WORD TO LITENSOR⁰¹ THAT
VISIT CAN BE 27-28 JAN. LITENSOR^{01 08} PLEASED.]

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- B. AGRARIAN REFORM. ALSO TALKED OF POSSIBILITY REPEAT POSSIBILITY OF U.S. HELP IN SETTING UP AGRICULTURAL CREDIT TO SMALL LANDHOLDERS VIA PRIVATE BANKS IN MEXICO. [LITENSOR] VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS, SAID IT "TRIPLE A" IN PRIORITY, ASKED AND TO PURSUE. (NOTE: LONG DISCUSSION ON NEEDS OF MEXICAN AGRICULTURE, POSSIBLE REMEDIES, AND WILL REPORT FULLY ON THIS.)
- C. COLOMBIA PROPOSAL FOR CAG CONCERNING CUBA. MENTIONED OF SIGNIFICANCE CAME OUT TO ADD TO REFERENCE.
- D. FRONT CIVICO MEXICANO (SEE LITEN). [LITENSOR] REPEATEDLY AND PERSONALLY THAT HE REQUESTED U.S. BUSINESSMEN STAY OF MEXICAN POLITICS NOT HELP FORMER OR ANY OTHER GROUP, SAID FRONT HAD POLITICAL PLANE. IN CONVERSATION [LITENSOR] SAID MEXICAN GOVERNMENT FULLY ABLE TO FIGHT COMMUNISTS, SAID DID NOT WISH HAVE TO FIGHT ON RIGHT AND LEFT, STATED FEAR OF CATHOLIC CHURCH GETTING TOO INVOLVED IN POLITICS IN MEXICO. [LITENSOR] SAID MEXICAN MOVEMENTS AS LIBERACION NACIONAL HEADED BY LAZARO CARDENAS WOULD BECOME LEGAL POLITICAL PARTY, SAID THEM GOOD BECAUSE THEN THEY WERE EASILY CONTROLLED. NOTE: THIS WILL BE REPORTED IN LITEL.
2. AND DELIGHTED WITH FRIENDLY AND FRANK MANNER IN WHICH [LITENSOR] TALKED.
3. AND REPORTING TO DEPT ON ALL ITEMS; WILL NOT MENTION CAG PRESENCE AT MEETING.

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